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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MULTI-LEVEL SENSING IN A MEMORY ARRAY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
&
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Communication is filed partially in response to a Second Restriction Requirement dated January 17, 2006, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the Second Restriction Requirement was due on February 17, 2006. Therefore, a petition for a Two-month-extension, along with the required fees, is being filed concurrently with the present response, thereby extending the date to file a response to April 17th, 2006. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Applicant has taken this opportunity to submit a preliminary amendment of some of the pending claims, which amendments are intended to harmonize the claims with a corresponding application filed in the EPO. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: Kindly consider the following remarks

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.